

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 895
By Bowers

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Joshua Murphy, 2006
Valedictorian of Hillcrest High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Joshua Murphy is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2006 graduating class at Hillcrest High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Mr. Murphy has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Joshua Murphy has earned an exemplary 4.2 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his status as a stellar scholar, this exceptional young man has earned numerous accolades; he has been included in *Who's Who Among American High School Students* and is an important part of Hillcrest's Leadership Team; and

WHEREAS, a valuable participant in his school's activities and his community's affairs, Mr. Murphy is a member of several academic, social, and civic organizations; and

WHEREAS, an esteemed leader among his peers, Joshua has served with distinction as Senior Class President and a member of the Student Council; and

WHEREAS, he is also a gifted athlete who earned his Second Degree Black Belt in Taekwondo at the tender age of eleven, and he has been a valuable member of the varsity baseball, bowling, and golf teams at Hillcrest; and

WHEREAS, Joshua Murphy has evidenced a strong commitment to public service and good citizenship at an early age, and he volunteers his time and considerable talents to worthy causes; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Murphy's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his success as a student at Texas Tech University, where he plans to pursue a degree in Electrical Engineering; and

WHEREAS, his noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Leroy and Carolyn Murphy, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Joshua Murphy's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Joshua Murphy, 2006 Hillcrest High School Valedictorian, on his impressive academic achievement and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.